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8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

On March 26, US Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad inaugurated the

[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Iraqi Special Operations Forces (ISOF) Conduct Operation in Baghdad:

- On March 26, Soldiers from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 1st Iraqi Special Operations Forces Brigade, conducted a coordinated operation in northeast Baghdad to capture and detain insurgents responsible for kidnapping and execution activities. Iraqi commandos and soldiers from the Iraqi Counterterrorism Force killed 16 insurgents and wounded three others during a house-to-house search on an objective with multiple structures.
  - They also detained 18 other individuals, discovered a significant weapons cache and secured the release of an Iraqi being held hostage. The weapons cache discovered on the objective included 32 AK-47 assault rifles, five grenades, four rocket-propelled grenades, two RPG launchers, two RPK heavy machine guns, 12 crush switch indicators used to make improvised explosive devices and several rounds of ammunition. The cache was destroyed on the scene along with two vehicles that contained weapons and IED making material.
  - This mission, planned and executed by the ISOF and advised by US Special Operations Forces, was conducted at a time that mitigated risk to innocent Iraqi bystanders and minimized the risk of collateral damage. No mosques were entered or damaged

[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Iraqi Commando School Graduates 139:

- The Iraqi Army took another step forward in combating terrorism and insurgency March 22 when 139 elite soldiers graduated from the Iraqi Special Operations Forces Commando Course. The soldiers, now called commandos, underwent an intensive three-week course designed to mold them into elite soldiers and commando unit members. To be considered for the commando course, candidates must serve in the army, volunteer for the course and undergo an intensive medical, psychological and physical screening process.

Police Training Three Years Later:

- Iraq's only formal police training academy opened in Jordan in November 2003. Today there are 10 police training academies in operation. As of March 25, Ministry of Interior forces number 127,000 trained and equipped personnel, including 88,000 regular police officers.

[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~90,900
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~39,800
TOTAL	~130,700*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~109,600
AIR FORCE	~600
NAVY	~800
TOTAL	~111,000**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~241,700

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Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numb

Data as of March 20, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)

[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– Developments

Leadership Meeting in Basra:

- On March 13, National Democratic Institute (NDI) staff members in Basra met with members of four small secular parties that won more than 1,000 votes in the last elections. This group was identified locally to be a potential nucleus of a secular, moderate coalition in future elections, including for the upcoming election for Basra Provincial Council. NDI agreed to conduct coalition building training with them. In addition, NDI held consultations with two larger parties, Dawa Movement and the Iraqi National Congress.

President Bush Calls Upon Cabinet to Help Iraqi Government:

- Speaking after a March 28 Cabinet meeting, President Bush called upon members of his Cabinet to reach out to their counterparts in Iraq, once a government is formed, in order to build relationships and help Iraqi officials strengthen their democracy. "By making a broad commitment from the federal government, we'll help the Iraqis establish a democracy, we'll help them build the institutions necessary for a stable society, and we'll help defeat the terrorists," the president said. The president said the US ambassador in Baghdad reported to the Cabinet that the Iraqis have returned to the table to negotiate the formation of a unity government.

[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– Developments

IECI Official Announced December 15, 2005 Election Results:

Political Entity Name	Ballot Number	Total Votes	Governorate Seats	Compensatory Seats	National Seats	Total Seats
Unified Iraqi Coalition	555	5021137	109	0	19	128
Kurdistani Gathering	730	2642172	43	0	10	53
Tawafoq Iraqi Front	618	1840216	37	0	7	44
National Iraqi List	731	977325	21	0	4	25
Hewar National Iraqi Front	667	499963	9	0	2	11
Islamic Union of Kurdistan	561	157688	4	0	1	5
Liberation and Reconciliation Gathering	516	129847	3	0	0	3
Mithal Al Aloosi List for Iraqi Nation	620	32245	1	0	0	1
Iraqi Turkoman Front	630	87993	1	0	0	1
Progressives	631	145028	1	0	1	2
Al Ezediah Movement for Progressing and Reform	668	21908	1	0	0	1
Al Rafedain List	740	47263	0	1	0	1
Total			**230**	**1**	**44**	**275**

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[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi Transitional Government

President	Deputy President	Deputy President
Jalal Talabani	Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr	‘Adil ‘Abd al-Mahdi

Prime Minister
Ibrahim al-Ja’fari

Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister
Rawsh Shaways	‘Abd Mutlak al-Juburi	Ahmad al-Chalabi	Vacant

Minister of Agriculture	Minister of Communications	Minister of Culture	Minister of Defense	Minister of Displacement & Migration	Minister of Electricity
Ali al-Bahadili	Juwan Fu’ad Ma’sum (F)	Nuri al-Rawi	Sa’dun al-Dulaymi	Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Muhsin Shallash

Minister of Education	Minister of Environment	Minister of Finance	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Minister of Health	Minister of Higher Education
Abdul Mun’im al-Falah Hasan	Narmin ‘Uthman (F)	‘Ali ‘Allawi	Hoshyar Zebari	Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay’i	Sami al-Muzaffar

Minister of Human Rights	Minister of Industry & Minerals	Minister of Interior	Minister of Justice	Minister of Housing & Construction	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs
Vacant	Usama al-Najafi	Bayan Jabr	‘Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Jasim Ja’far	Idris Hadi

Minister of Oil	Minister of Planning	Minister of Trade	Minister of Science & Technology	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works	Minister of Transportation
Hashem al-Hashemi (Acting)	Barham Salih	‘Abd al-Basit Mawlud	Basima Butrus (F)	Nasreen Berwari (F)	Salam al-Maliki

Minister of Water Resources	Minister of Youth & Sports	Minister of State for Civil Society	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs	Minister of State for National Security Affairs
‘Abd al-Latif Rashid	Talib Aziz al-Zaini	‘Ala’ abib Kazim	Safa’ al-Din al-Safi	‘Abd al-Karim al-’Anzi

Minister of State for Provinces	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities	Minister of State for Women’s Affairs
Sa’d al-Hardan	Hashim al-Hashimi	Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)

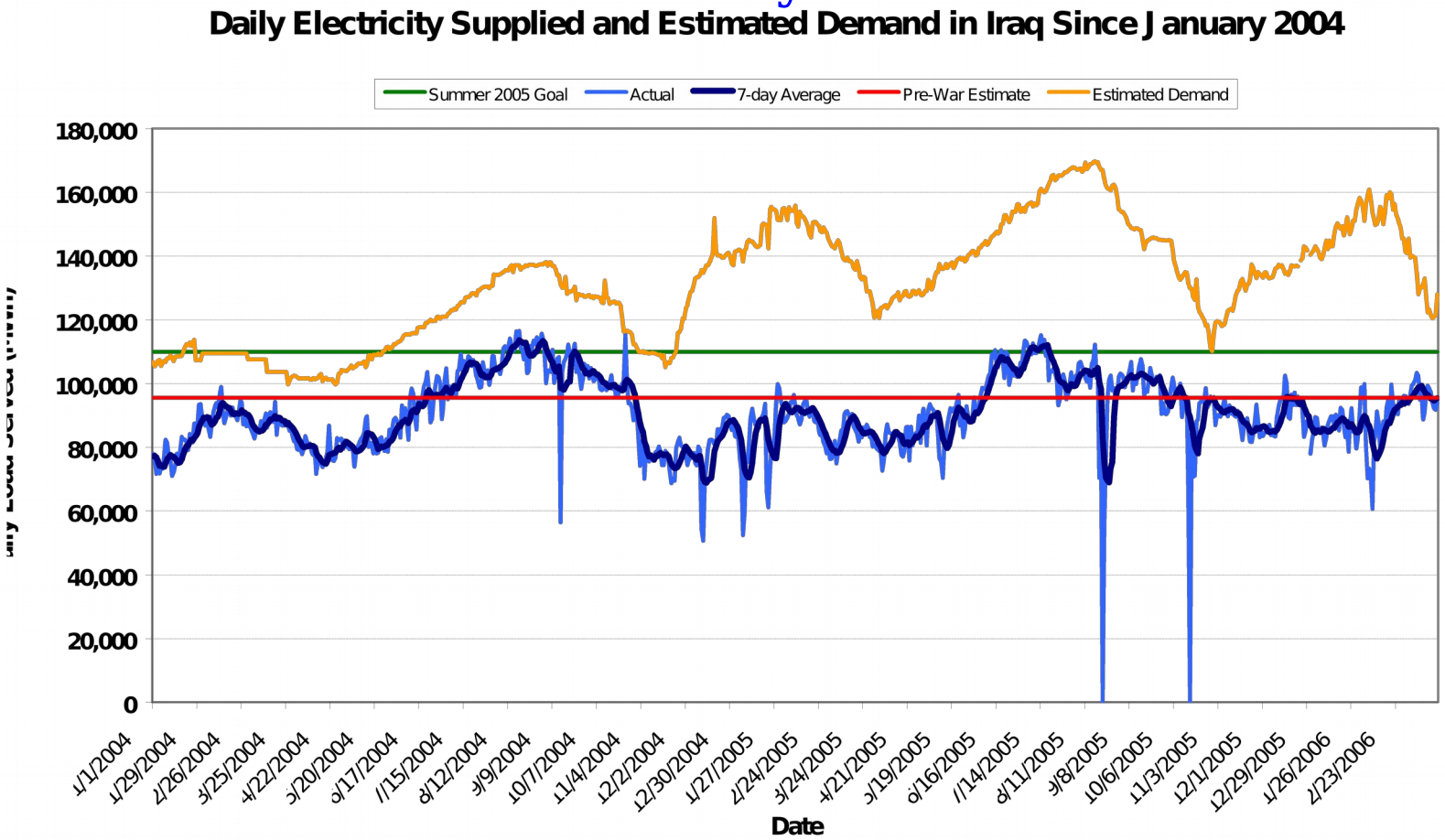
(F) = Female

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

$Millions	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	5036.00	5036.00	4,943.5	4,936.9	(6.60)	4,868.1	4,881.8	13.72	4,380.8	4,390.5	9.7
Electricity Sector	4220.02	4220.02	3,853.8	4,008.5	154.76	3,472.6	3,493.7	21.08	2,011.7	2,030.4	18.7
Oil Infrastructure	1735.60	1735.60	1,659.2	1,626.7	(32.43)	1,548.2	1,541.6	(6.60)	776.2	815.4	39.2
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1315.95	1315.95	1,208.3	1,206.4	(1.83)	1,186.1	1,184.2	(1.94)	809.0	811.6	2.7
Democracy	1033.85	1033.85	977.2	977.2	0.00	977.0	977.0	0.00	660.2	661.8	1.6
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	410.00	410.00	343.2	343.2	0.00	341.9	341.9	0.00	244.0	245.4	1.4
Roads, Bridges and Construction	333.71	333.71	301.5	312.6	11.14	296.7	307.8	11.07	175.2	175.2	0.0
Health Care	739.00	739.00	728.5	724.8	(3.73)	672.5	669.0	(3.46)	416.5	417.4	0.9
Transportation and Communications	465.51	465.51	456.0	447.0	(9.03)	414.1	414.5	0.45	243.6	246.9	3.3
Water Resources and Sanitation	2131.08	2131.08	1,612.7	1,667.5	54.84	1,476.7	1,498.4	21.67	879.4	892.1	12.7
Private Sector Development	805.28	805.28	788.9	788.9	0.00	782.4	782.4	0.00	601.8	601.8	0.1
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	213.00	213.00	159.7	212.4	52.70	159.7	212.4	52.70	78.7	81.3	2.6
TOTAL	18439.00	18439.00	17,032.4	17,252.2	219.80	16,196.0	16,304.7	108.67	11,277.0	11,370.0	93.0
IRRF 2 Construction			9,736.4	9,908.7	172.34	9,142.0	9,172.7	30.62	5,792.8	5,859.4	66.5
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,318.8	6,366.3	47.46	6,076.9	6,155.0	78.05	4,824.0	4,848.9	24.9
IRRF 2 Democracy			969.9	969.9	0.00	969.4	969.4	0.00	660.2	661.8	1.6
IRRF 1 Subtotal	2473.30	2473.30	2,473.3	2473.30	0.00	2,473.3	2,473.3	0.00	2,406.6	2,406.6	0.0
Grand Total IRRF 1 & 2	20912.30	20912.30	19,505.7	19,725.5	219.80	18,669.3	18,778.0	108.67	13,683.6	13,776.6	93.0

As of March 28, 2006

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview



- Lower seasonal demands with moderate temperatures are resulting in greater electricity availability throughout Iraq.
- Electricity availability in Baghdad improved in the last week (21 - 28 March 2006) with an average of 8.6 hours per day.
- Nationwide average electricity availability likewise increased slightly to 13.9 hours per day.
- Electricity output thus far for March 2006 is 11 percent higher than it was for the same period in March 2005.

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity, Public Health and Healthcare

Electricity:

- All towers on the Bayji to Baghdad West Number Two 400kV line have been erected, and the Ministry of Electricity (ME) is in the process of completing the stringing of the towers. The interdicted towers along the Bayji to Baghdad West Number One 400kV line are expected to be completed in late March or early April.
- US Army Corps of Engineers completed construction of an $850,000 electrical project in Rusafa, Baghdad Province on March 21. The project installed and placed in service underground feeder cables that will benefit an estimated 25,000 Iraqi citizens.

Public Health and Healthcare:

- To date, the USG has provided approximately $140,000 in supplies and other support to the Government of Iraq for avian flu detection and control. The Centers for Disease Control will provide approximately $33,000 in rapid testing kits and other laboratory supplies to improve Iraq's capability to test samples and ship specimens to outside reference labs when needed.

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Water and Sanitation, Education

Water and Sanitation:

- The US Army Corps of Engineers recently completed a $321,000 water project in a community along the Euphrates River in Babil Province. The project replaced a non-functional plant with new plant, along with a new filter system, generator, pumps and five years worth of maintenance parts. The project provides clean water for up to 20,000 rural Iraqi.
- Over 73,000 hours of technical training have been provided to 1,238 women from the Municipalities and Public Works and Water Resources Ministries under the Women's Initiative.

Education:

- On March 16, the US Army Corps of Engineers completed a $458,000 primary school project in the Dahuk Province. The two-story, 12-room school will support 825 students and 36 teachers.

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Communications and Transportation

Transportation:

- Mesa Air Group is providing unprecedented US private sector assistance in support of Iraq's civil aviation rebuilding effort. Most recently, Mesa has invited an Iraqi Airways Executive Team to visit Mesa Air Group's headquarters in the United States. The purpose of the visit is to exchange knowledge, experiences and support for rebuilding Iraqi Airways.

Capacity Building:

- IRMO initiated a series of courses in March for employees of the various Iraqi oil companies. This capacity development initiative trains Iraqi workers in petroleum refining, distribution and marketing, leadership, human resource management, English, and financial methods.

Communications:

- A contractor to the US Treasury Department is implementing an Inter-Bank Payments System for the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI). The USG-funded Wireless Broadband Network has been connected to facilities in Dubai to test software applications.

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending March 24 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at $54.37/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at $61.83/barrel
  - Kirkuk Crude at $55.45/barrel
  - Dated Brent at $61.63/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at $56.86/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	36,760	31,593	-14.06%
USAID	57,338	57,987	1.13%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,268	1,268	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	254	234	-7.87%
CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	0	0	0.00%
MNSTC-I	13,751	11,580	-15.79%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	16,049	16,029	-0.12%
GRAND TOTAL	**125,420**	**118,691**	**-5.37%**

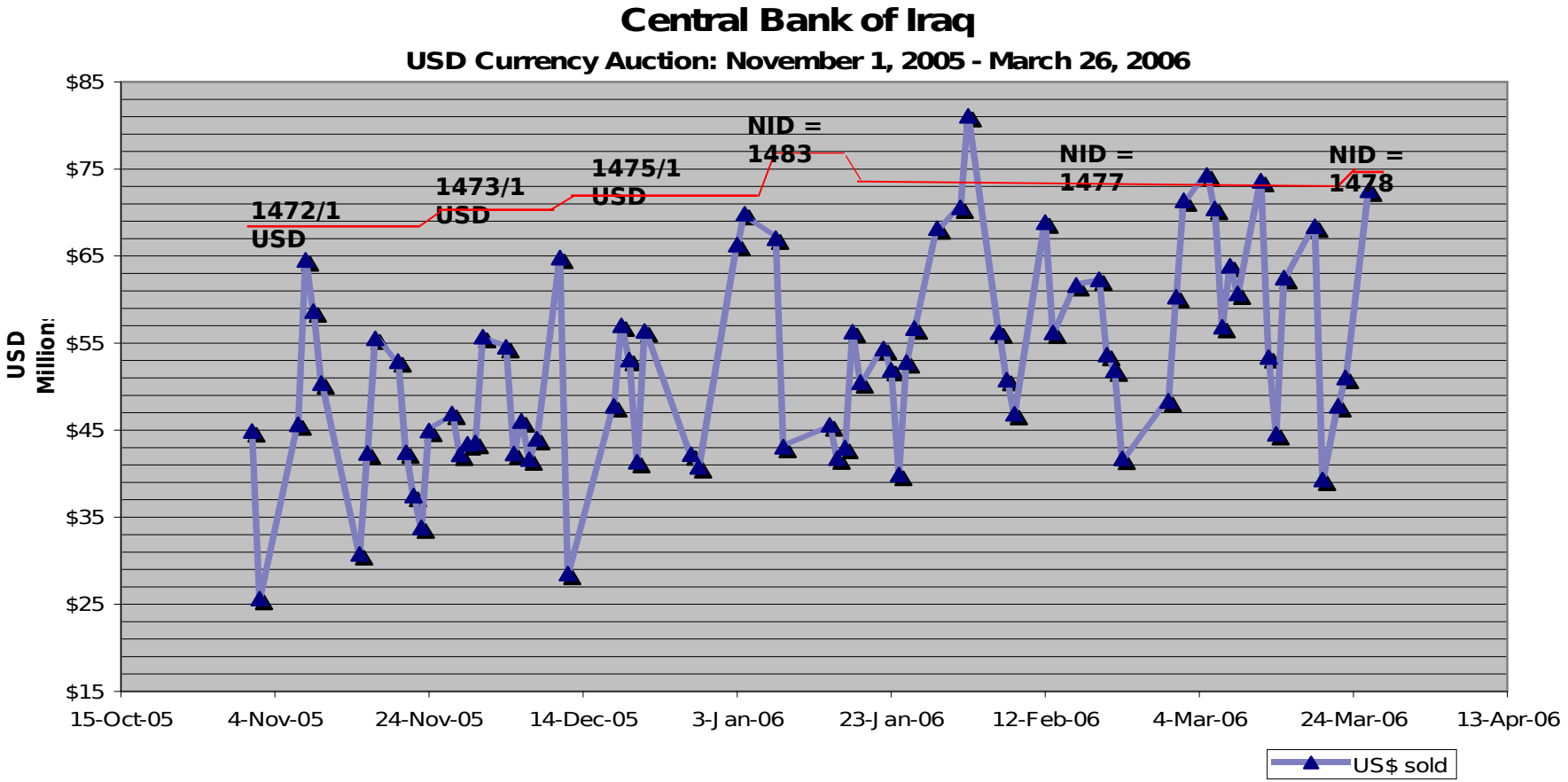
- CERP numbers have not been updated recently and PCO will be reporting on a bi-weekly basis.
- USAID continues to update weekly.

Data as of March 28

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since November 1, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,478 dinars per USD on March 26.



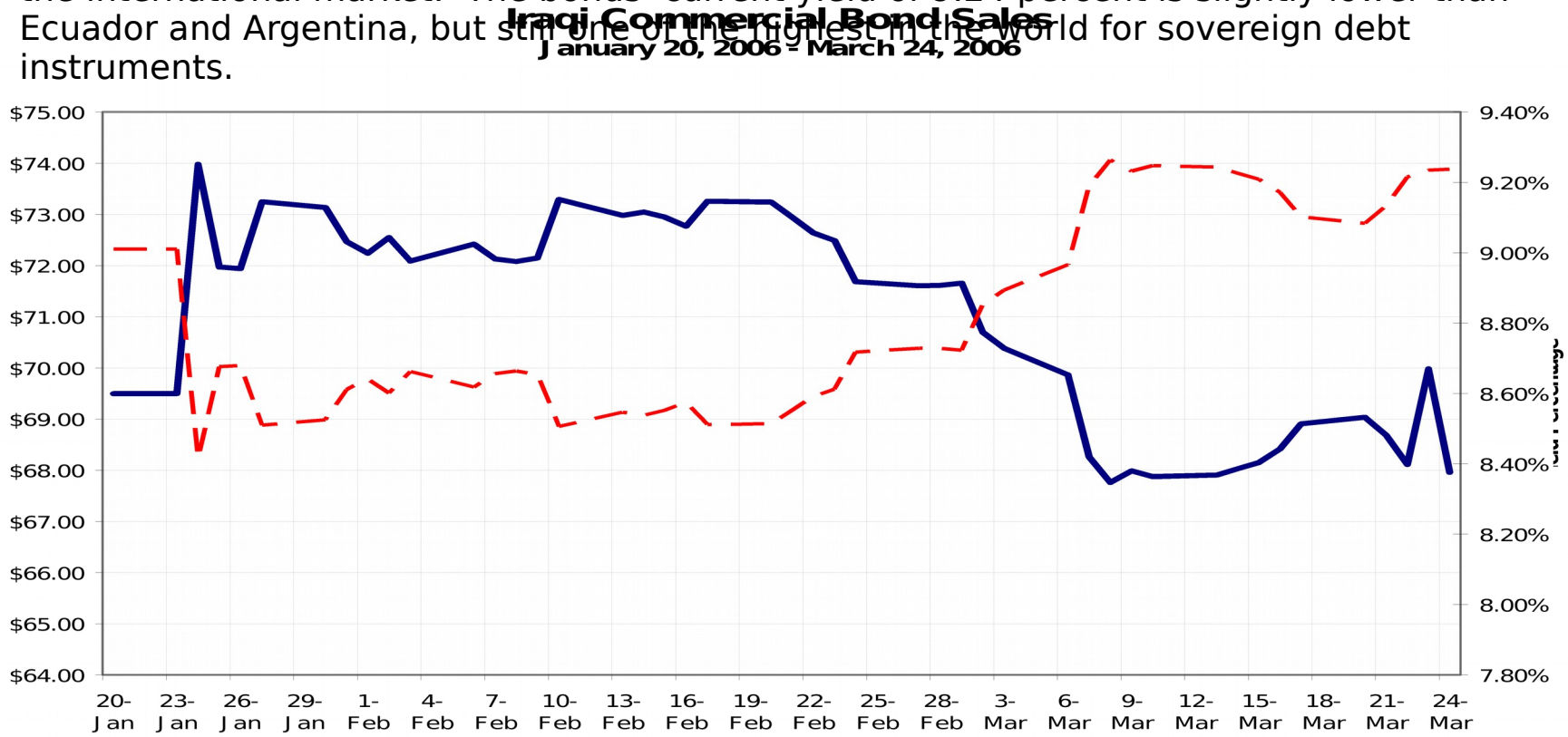
*On March 22, the CBI purchased $3,000,000 of Iraqi Dinars at the exchange rate of 1475 NID/$.

*The NID exchange rate line is calculated as a weekly weighted average.

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately $22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. These are the only Iraqi sovereign debt instruments trading on the international market. The bonds' current yield of 9.24 percent is slightly lower than Ecuador and Argentina, but still one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.



Trading High = $73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = $67.76 (March 8)

[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Agriculture

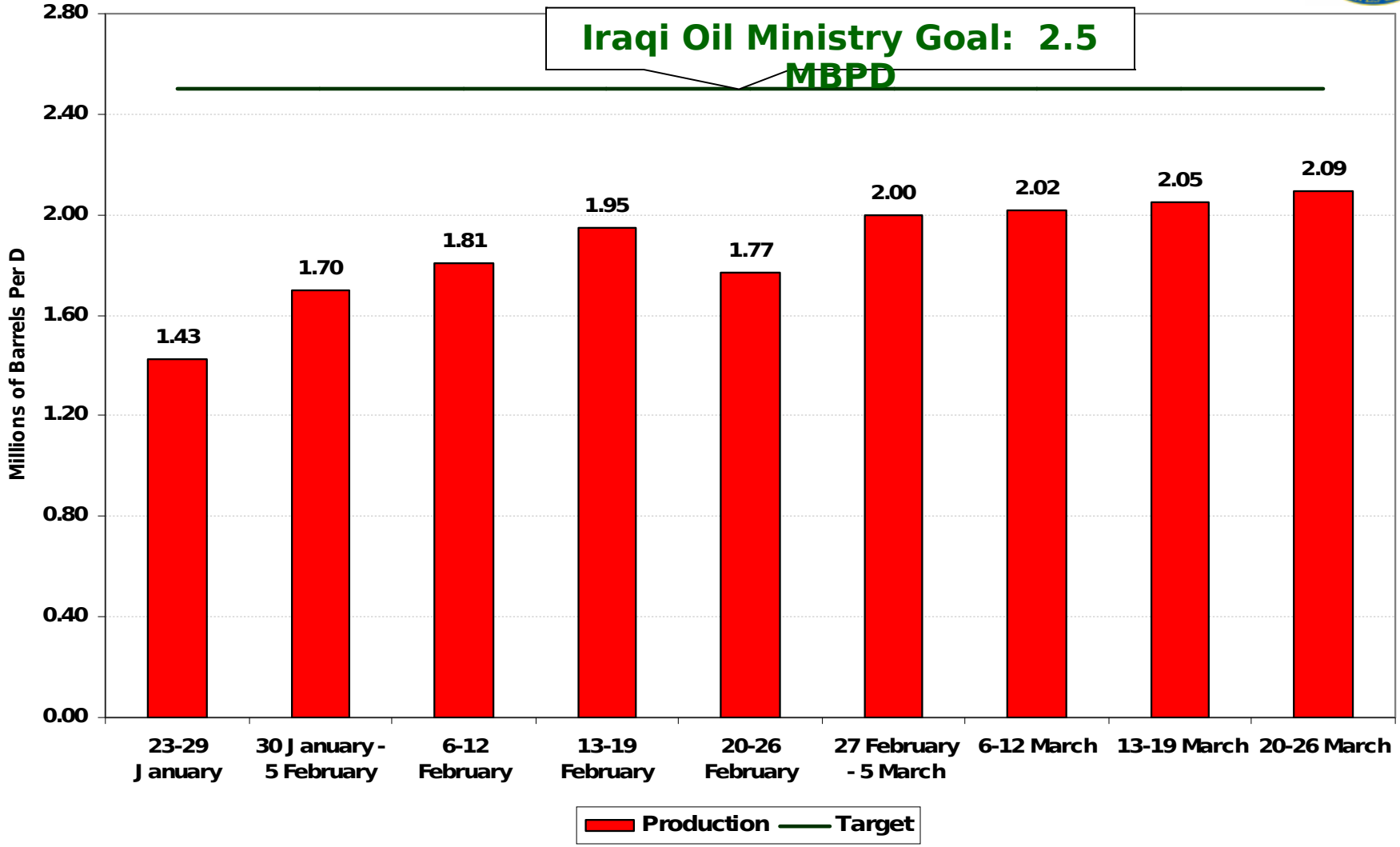
Restoring Iraq's Agricultural Sector:

- USAID's Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Program for Iraq (ARDI) in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and two American equipment providers, has repaired 1,543 tractors in workshops across Iraq. USAID is training Iraqi mechanics to repair at least 5,000 inoperable tractors by September.
- USAID's program will establish a countrywide network of fourteen privately owned repair shops and 180 trained Iraqi mechanics. The repaired tractors could expand cultivated lands by approximately 45,000 hectares.

Iraq's Inflation Rate:

- Iraq's February monthly inflation was 13 percent, and the official consumer price index is up nearly 20 percent from the start of the year through February. However, the statistics are not seasonally adjusted, and the spring and summer months tend to have low or even negative price movements – so overall inflation for 2006 may eventually not be nearly as high as the first two months' data might indicate.

[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (March 20-26) of 2.09 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)

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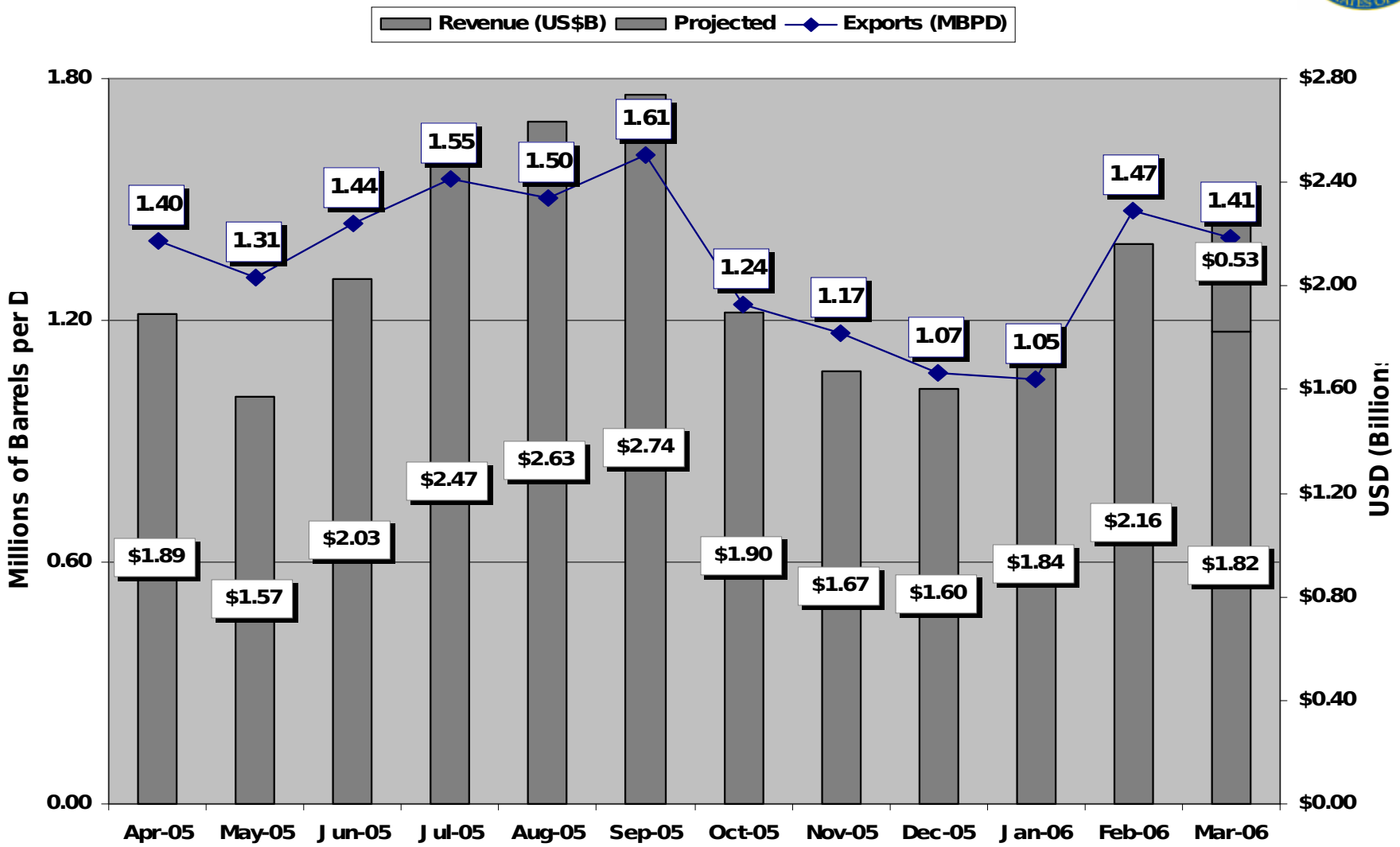
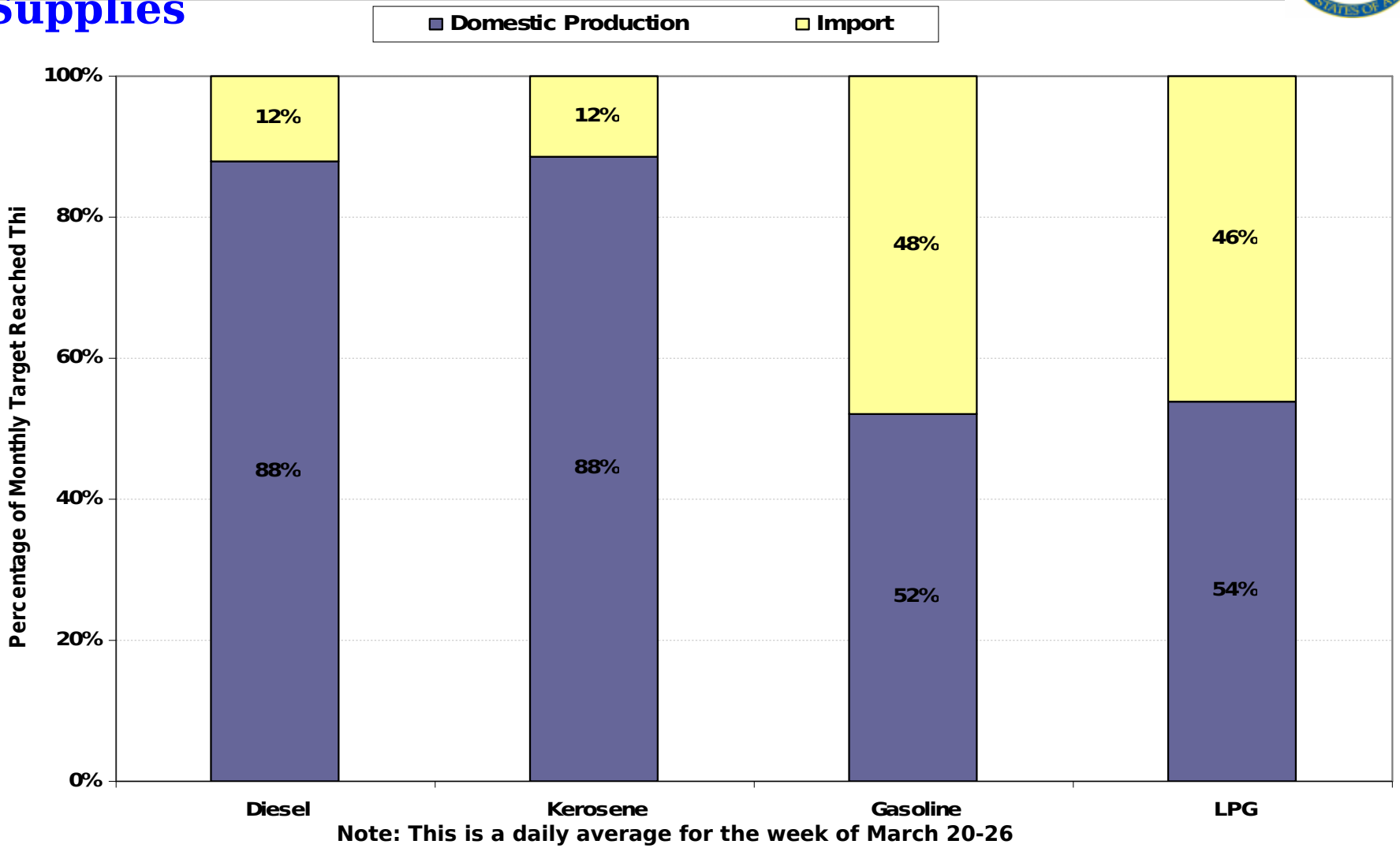
[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: $23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: $5.8 Billion (Year to Date)

[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



Note: This is a daily average for the week of March 20-26

- Diesel: 11.6 ML supply of 20.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.1 ML supply of 10.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 9.4 ML supply of 23.4 ML target
- LPG: 3,003 tons supply of 4,400 tons target

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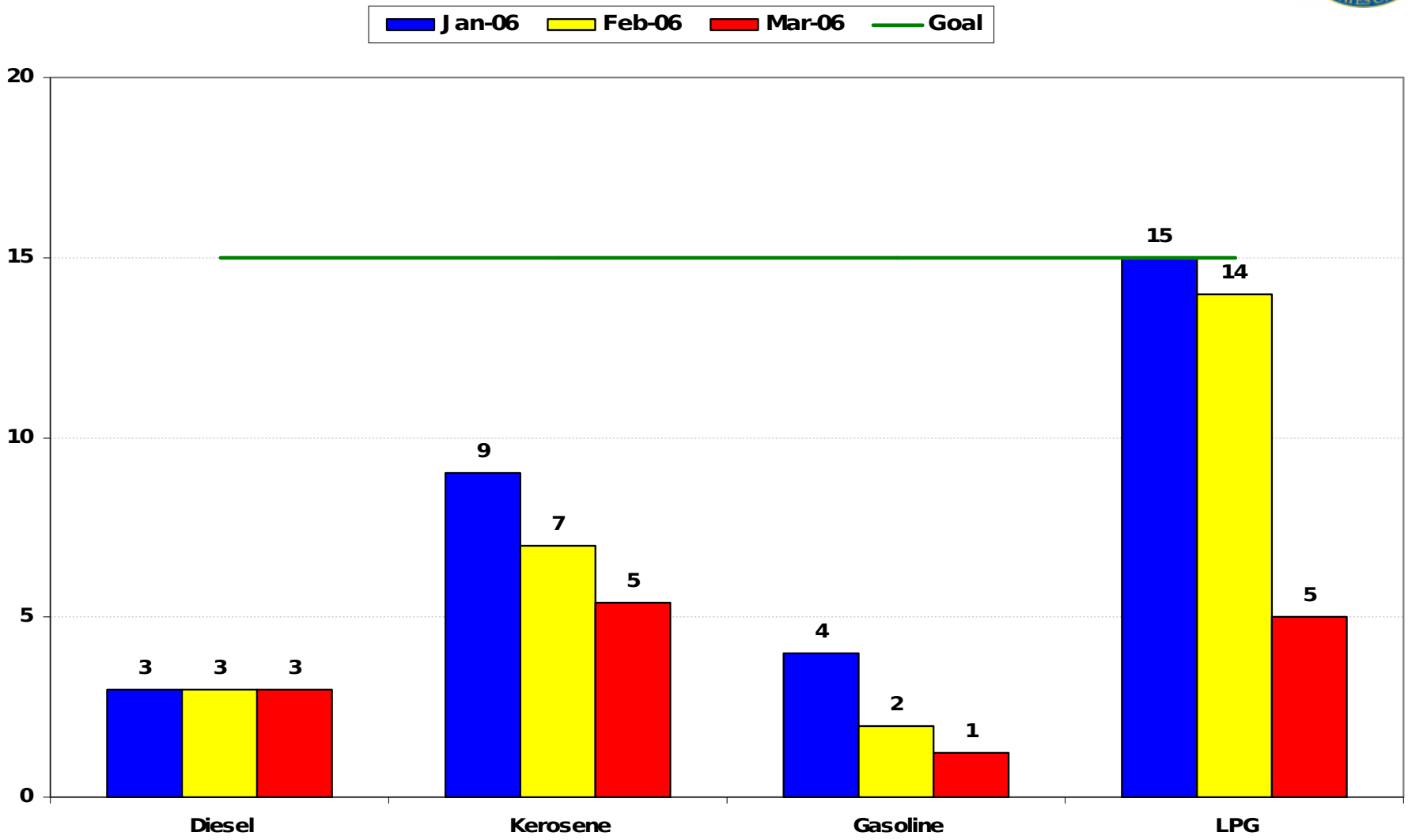
[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.

[6.0] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

2006 is Declared the "Year of the Police":

- Coalition forces now are focusing on upgrades to Iraq's security forces, calling 2006 "the year of the police," says US Army Lieutenant General Martin Dempsey, head of the Multi-National Security Transition Command in Iraq. "What we're seeing now is progress on a three-year investment in Iraq's security forces. It's been a big investment, and it's yielding big progress," LTG Dempsey told reporters at a March 24 press briefing from Baghdad. LTG Dempsey said that this progress could be seen in a growing Iraqi army that increasingly leads counterinsurgency operations, as well as in a police force that will be responsible for security along all 3,631 kilometers of Iraq's borders by July.

[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Developments

SRSG Qazi Urges for Expedited Government Formation:

- Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq (SRSG) Ashraf Qazi strongly condemned the continuing deterioration of the human rights situation in Iraq. The SRSG said he was saddened and appalled by the daily cases of torture, arbitrary arrests, and extrajudicial executions that have affected all communities and led to the internal displacement of Iraqi civilians. He called on the Iraqi authorities to take firm action to stop the violence and ensure that citizens enjoy the rights and protection stipulated by Iraqi and international laws. He stated that Iraqis should speed up the formation of a government that will assert respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Arab League Discusses Iraq's Future:

- The Arab League Summit began March 28 in Khartoum to discuss issues involving Iraq's future. In his opening speech, Secretary-General Amr Moussa stated that any solution for the Iraqi problem cannot be reached without Arab participation. In his opening speech, Algerian President Abd al-Aziz Bouteflika called on Iraqis to close ranks to avoid a sectarian conflict pitting the country's Shiite majority against the once-dominant Sunni Arab minority. He said Iraq's neighbors should honestly cooperate with the Iraqi people to preserve the country's integrity and

[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of March 15, 2006

26 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania
Armenia
Australia
Azerbaijan
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Czech Republic
Denmark
El Salvador
Estonia
Georgia
Italy
Japan
Kazakhstan
Latvia
Lithuania
Macedonia
Moldova
Mongolia
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
South Korea
Ukraine
UK

TOTAL ~ 20,000 Forces

***Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.**

29 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*29 includes the 26 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and Singapore.

[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – Developments

Communications:

- Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice spoke on Fox News Sunday on March 26 regarding the progress on the security and political tracks in Iraq. "Well, as General Casey has said, if Iraqi forces continue to develop in the way that they have: they're taking and holding territory; they performed very well in the light of this recent sectarian violence, the Army did, then it is entirely likely that there will be drawdowns of American forces over this next year. It's conditions-based and no one wants to make any definitive statement because, of course, you want to know the conditions. But the Iraqi forces are making a lot of progress and the political system is making progress. I know it's slower than we would like it to be. But for the first time, Sunnis and Shia and the Kurds and others are sitting down and they're working toward a government of national unity and that also is an important part of the picture as to why the stability in this country will grow."

Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams

PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from U.S. and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams

Baghdad PRT Inaugurated:

- On March 26 the Baghdad PRT was inaugurated marking the fourth PRT launched to date.
  - -In November 2005, the first three “Proof of Concept” PRTs were launched in the provinces of Ninawa, Babil, and Kirkuk. The proposed roll-out plan will have an eventual eight US-led PRTs, four Coalition-led PRTs and six Iraqi teams.

Interested in working in Iraq?

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- http://usinfo.state.gov/mena/Archive/2006/Mar/28-293760.html

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- IECI Website http://www.ieciraq.org/English/Frameset_english.htm

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- The IRRF Financial Chart is sourced from the 28 Mar 06 IRMO Weekly Status Report

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- The chart shows average daily power production in megawatt hours (MWh). 120,000 MWh goal equates to 20 hours at 6000 MW average supplied load or 24 hours at 5000 MW average supply load. Currently supplies are not much improved over last year when judged by hours of power, but this is due in part to an influx of new appliances. This has dramatically altered demand and diluted the effect of increased generation capacity on actual results.

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Electricity:

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- USACE Daily Report - 28 March 06

Public Health and Healthcare:

- Department of State, NEA-I-ECON, 202-647-9885

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Water and Sanitation:

- USACE Daily Report - 27 March 06
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Oil Prices:

- Oil Prices are sourced from Bloomberg

Employment Update:

- Information regarding the Employment Update was sourced from the IRMO Weekly Report – March 28, 2006
- CERP has not reported figures for some time. Until they report accurate data, the number will remain at 0.
- PCO will be reporting on a bi-weekly basis.

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- Information regarding the NID auction was gathered from the Central Bank of Iraq's website: http://www.cbiraq.org

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- Bond Prices:
- Iraqi Bond Prices are sourced from Bloomberg

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- Information regarding ARDI was sourced from the USAID Iraq Special Update - March 24, 2006.

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